

A catalytic converter for cleaning exhaust gas includes a first coating layer formed on a heat-resistant support, and a second coating layer formed on the first coating layer. The first coating layer contains alumina which supports palladium. The second coating layer contains Ce-Zr complex oxide which coexistently carries platinum and rhodium, and Zr-Ce complex oxide which differs in composition from the Ce-Zr complex oxide and which coexistently carries platinum and rhodium.